



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

16th July 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

It has been one of the busiest weeks ever, even though we are now at the end of the academic year. Monday after school there was an informal meeting with governors, cup of tea and cake, just to end the year and have a chat. It was a lovely get together and I was very touched by the card and present of a lovely pen. On Tuesday I was at Ormiston Venture doing some work with their leadership team. One of the real strengths of our collaboration is that it is genuinely two way, so I enjoyed being able to spend the day with them and give some feedback.

On Wednesday we had the Regional Director, Aron Whiles in school and then later Nick Hudson, who is the CEO for Ormiston Academies Trust. We had a chat about how the school had progressed then went on a walk round the school. We saw an excellent drama lesson and chatted with the Year 10 students who had been on the trip to Ipswich last week and had a look at some fantastic art work (masks) designed by Year 7 students. As always, the atmosphere was calm and purposeful, and I felt very proud as we walked around.

A reminder to all parents/ carers of Year 11 students, that results are released on Thursday 12th August. Students are invited into the academy to collect their results from 9.30am that morning, however you will receive a separate letter confirming the exact plans during the summer break.

Next week you will receive a welcome letter from the new Principal of Ormiston Denes Academy, Mrs Kate Williams. There will be some very important information contained within the letter, so please make sure you read it well.

Please remember to watch out for any social media posts and our website updates over the summer break with regards to COVID-19 and any possible adjustments or changes to the guidance.

Usually, I sign off by saying what I plan for the coming weekend but this time it is very different. This is the last message from me before I retire so I would like to thank you for your support over the past two years; it has been really appreciated. During my walk round the school a student came up to me and said, "I'm going to miss you Sir". That one short statement meant a huge amount to me, more than the student will ever know. I am going to miss the students, who I think are brilliant, and the staff who are so dedicated and committed to the school and the community. I would also like to thank the Governors for their support, and I look forward to reading all about the success of Ormiston Denes in years to come.

Have a great summer holiday and a fantastic future, whatever you choose to do.

Yours faithfully

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